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SUBJECT: ARRESTS OF ALLEGED COUP PLOTTERS

REF: A. SAIGON 4094

B. STATE 076262

1. MCNISTRY OF INTERIOR ISSUED MIMEOGRAPHED STATEMENT APRIL 4. OUR
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TENSE SITUATION OF IWE
COUNTRY IN WHICH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS ARE MAKING AN ALL-
OUT EFFORT TO ATTACK AND INVADE THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, A NUMBER
OF SHORT-SIGHTED ELEMENTS HAVE EXPLOITED THE CONFUSED
MENTALITY OF THEIR FELLOW COMPATRIOTS TO AGITATE AND CREATE CHAOS
IN THE REAR FRONT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT TO
SATISFY THEIR OWN AMBITION.

3. THE PLOTTERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY SECURITY AGENCIES AND AN
INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY. END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: POLICE SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US IN STRICT CON-
FIDENCE 6 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, INCLUDING FORMER
ADVISOR TO THE PRES NGUYEN VAN NGAN. NGAN, FIRED BY PRES
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IN MID-1974, WAS IN CANANDA UNTIL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. HE APPEARS

TO HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING THE SENATE RESOLUTION OF APRIL 2 CALLING FOR A CHANGE IN THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP (REFTEL A).

5. OTHERS ARRESTED ACCORDING TO POLICE AND NGUYEN THIEN NHON, EX-ASSISTANT TO NGUYEN CAO KY; JUYNH THANH VI, HEAD OF THE VIETNAMESE JOURNALISTS UNION AND ASSOCIATE OF DR. TRAN KIM TUYEN; HOANG DINH XUONG, EX-SECRETARY OF THE UPPER HOUSE; NGUYEN HOANG TRUC, A LEFTIST; AND LUONG LE DONG, LEFTIST PROFESSOR. POLICE TOLD US NHON, VI AND XUONG WERE ARRESTED FOR ACTIVITY REFERRED TO IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR STATEMENT. THEY SAID DONG AND TRUC WERE ARRESTED FOR COMMUNIST ACTIVITY.

6. POLICE SAID THEY ALSO INTEND TO ARREST A MR. DUONG, AN ENGINEER, FOR COMMUNIST ACTIVITY.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED IBS/NCA (USIA).

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